

January 7, 2014

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Board Room, Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, Monroe, Georgia. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Mark Banks, Timmy Shelnett, Lamar Palmer, Jeremy Adams and Kirklyn Dixon, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Human Resources Director Karen Fraser, Finance Director Linda Hanna and Planning Director Mike Martin. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Public Comment

None

Presentations

Recognition of Monroe Area High School Football - Undefeated Region Champions

Recognition of Central/South Walton 7-8 and 9-10 Football All-stars - GRPA State Champions

Recognition of Andy Freeman - Loganville Fire Dept., Steve Brignone - Walton EMS and David Jarrett - Walton Co. Fire Rescue

Recognition of Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers upon her retirement

Meeting Opening

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shelnett gave the invocation.

Adoption of Agenda

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the agenda with addition of a resolution to recognize Split Silk as an unincorporated community in Walton County. The motion carried unanimously.*

Unfinished Business

Resolution authorizing the execution of lease purchase agreement with Association County Commissioners of Georgia for purchase of equipment for the Public Works Department

***Motion:** Motion made by Commissioner Palmer, second by Commissioner Adams, to adopt the resolution. The motion carried 5-1 with Commissioners Ayers, Shelnett, Palmer, Adams and Dixon voting in favor and Commissioner Banks opposing.*

Planning Commission Recommendations

Public Hearing - Recommendation to approve OA13100010 - Amendment to Walton County Land Development Ordinance as per errata sheet dated 11-1-2013

Planning Director Mike Martin presented the amendments to the Board. Attorney Jeremy Kilburn, speaking on behalf of the Hubert Harris Family Partnership, spoke in opposition of the amendment regarding Private Drive regulations. He requested the Board exempt the private drive previously approved for the Harris', which consists of 5 lots on 45 acres, from the proposed amendment and to allow its future development under the 2008 Land Development Ordinance regulations. Chairman Little closed the public hearing.

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Adams, to approve the amendments to the Walton County Land Development Ordinance with the exception of amendment to Article 6 – Private Drive, to be tabled until the February 4, 2014 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Hearing – Recommendation to approve Z13100009 - Rezone 1.60 acres from B-1 to M-1 for a trucking company for Harper Transport, Inc. - 5634 Georgia Highway 138 - District 3 - Shelnutt

Hugh Harper came before the Board in support of the rezone. There was no one present in opposition. Chairman Little closed the public hearing.

***Motion:** Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve Rezone Z13100009 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.*

Public Works

Request for placement of Welcome Signs for Split Silk Community

Howard Brandon gave a presentation on the history of the Split Silk Community and requested the Board fund the installation of welcome signs on County roads and to help the community coordinate with the Georgia Department of Transportation to have signs installed on State Routes.

***Motion:** Commissioner Ayers made a motion to recognize Split Silk as an unincorporated community for 3/10th of a mile in radius from the center of the intersection of U.S. Highway 78 and Bay Creek Church Road. He further moved to have the County sign shop construct and install the three signs that are not on the State right of way after the community raises the money and has the State Department of Transportation put them on the State right of way. Commissioner Banks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

Administrative Consent Agenda

1. Approval of December 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes
2. Budget Amendments
 - SPLOST III: Amendment to move allocations from Other to Public Works for the LMIG projects previously approved by the BOC and Facilities for the improvements to the Historic Courthouse. The amount of the budget amendment is \$2,114,705.00 with no effect on fund balance in the SPLOST III Fund.
 - Animal Control: Amendment to move expenditure allocations from Animal Food

to Vehicles to cover the cost of truck in the amount of \$544.82. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.

- Animal Control: Amendment for donations in the amount of \$275.00.
The amendment is an increase to both revenues and expenditures. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
 - Animal Control: Two amendments for donations in the amounts of \$961.00. The amendment is an increase to both revenues and expenditures. No effect on fund balance in the General Fund.
 - Magistrate Court: Amending the Court's expenditure budget for Indigent Defense in the amount of \$4,300.00. This is an increase to expenditures reducing the General Funds Fund Balance.
 - Keep Walton Beautiful: Amending the budget for donation made to Keep Walton Beautiful in the amount of \$500.00. This is an amendment to both revenue and expenditures with no effect on the Solid Waste Fund Balance.
3. Contracts & Budgeted Purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater
 4. Monthly EMS Bad Debt Write-offs
 5. FY 2015 Budget Calendar
 6. Renewal Agreement - ACCG BCBS - Inmate Services
 7. Grant Application - AFG GEMA Grant - EMS
 8. Software Support Agreement - Governmental Systems, Inc. - Tax Commissioner
 9. Fiscal Agent Designation Acceptance & Agreement - Georgia Family Connection Partnership

Motion: Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the Administrative Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Financial Matters

Presentation of FY 2013 Audit

Adam Fraley of Mauldin & Jenkins Certified Public Accountants LLC presented the FY 2013 Audit.

Motion: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to accept and approve the FY 2013 Audit as presented. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Refund Requests

Robinson Well Company

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the refund for Robinson Well Company in the amount of \$2,939.29 for Ad Valorem taxes paid in error. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Resolution 2014-1 Setting time, dates and place of the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners for 2014

This resolution sets the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Walton County Government Building, Historic Courthouse or any of the County Courthouse Annexes with the exception of the September meeting, which will be held on September 9, 2014.

Motion: Commissioner Ayers made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-1. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2014-2 Reaffirming the \$1.50 911 charge on telephone subscribers for 2014

Motion: Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adopt Resolution 2014-2. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2014-3 Approving Project Length Capital Budget for LMIG Road and Bridge Projects

This resolution amends the FY 2014 budget to incorporate the project length budget for LMIG Road and Bridge projects.

Motion: Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-3. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2014-4 Approving Project Length Capital Budget for Historic Courthouse Upgrades

This resolution amends the FY 2014 budget to incorporate the project length balanced budget for upgrades to the Historic Courthouse.

Motion: Commissioner Shelnutt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to adopt Resolution 2014-4. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointments

County Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to appoint Leta Talbird as County Clerk for 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistant County Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to appoint Rhonda Hawk as Assistant County Clerk for 2014. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Shelnutt Made a motion to appoint the law firm of Atkinson Ferguson as County Attorneys for 2014. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman

Motion: Commissioner Ayers made a motion to appoint Kirklyn Dixon as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2014. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Chairman Little announced that the February 4, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse

Adjournment

Motion: Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Kevin W. Little, Chairman

Attest:

Leta P. Talbird, County Clerk